

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 930

**Introduced by Assembly Member De La Torre
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Torrico)**

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Section 12087 of the Government Code, relating to citizenship assistance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 930, as introduced, De La Torre. Naturalization services program.

Existing law sets forth the duties of the Department of Community Services and Development respecting certain community programs in the state.

This bill would require the department to conduct a naturalization services program to provide funding to local governments and community-based organizations to assist legal permanent residents in obtaining citizenship.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 12087 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 12087. The department shall do *all of* the following:
- 4 (a) Recognize existing community action agencies, as defined
- 5 by Section 2790 of Title 42 of the United States Code, and Indian
- 6 tribes or tribal organizations, as the operators of programs to
- 7 serve the poor in local communities, and, where the programs are

1 of a statewide or multicounty nature, other limited purpose
2 agencies may be considered as program operators.

3 (b) Provide technical assistance, directly or through grants or
4 contracts, to community action agencies, Indian tribes, and other
5 agencies that operate programs of an antipoverty nature.

6 (c) Coordinate antipoverty efforts throughout the state, to the
7 extent permissible under federal law, to avoid duplication,
8 improve delivery of services, and relate programs to one another.

9 (d) Maintain liaison with the federal Department of Health and
10 Human Services, Office of Community Services, county and city
11 commissions on economic opportunity, citizens' groups, and all
12 other governmental agencies engaged in economic opportunity or
13 community service programs, or both.

14 (e) Collect and assemble pertinent information and data
15 available from other agencies of the state and federal
16 governments and disseminate information in the interests of
17 community services programs in the state by publication,
18 advertisement, conference, workshops, programs, lectures, and
19 other means.

20 (f) Plan and evaluate long-range and short-range strategies for
21 overcoming poverty in the state.

22 (g) Mobilize public and private resources in support of
23 antipoverty and community services programs.

24 (h) Encourage participation by residents of poor communities
25 in the development and operation of community action programs
26 for their betterment.

27 (i) Advise the Governor of his or her responsibilities under the
28 Economic Opportunity Program (Chapter 34 (commencing with
29 Section 2701) of Title 42 of the United States Code) and the
30 Community Services Block Grant Program (Chapter 106
31 (commencing with Section 9901) of Title 42 of the United States
32 Code), as well as any other federal law enacted with respect to
33 meeting the needs of the poor.

34 (j) Measure and evaluate, directly or through grants or
35 contracts, the impact of this article and other poverty-related
36 programs authorized by law, in order to determine the
37 effectiveness of the programs in achieving stated goals, impact
38 on related programs, and the structure and mechanisms for the
39 delivery of services. All the offices under the executive branch
40 shall cooperate and provide the necessary information to the

1 director, upon his or her request, to achieve the purposes of this
2 subdivision.
3 *(k) Conduct a naturalization services program to provide*
4 *funding to local governments and community-based*
5 *organizations to assist legal permanent residents in obtaining*
6 *citizenship.*

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